

## The Voice

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING CELEBRATING ITS 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary This Year



**PURIM CARNIVAL**SUNDAY, MARCH 1

PURIM SERVICE, SHPIEL & DINNER
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA FRIDAY, MARCH 13

> **NEFASHOT SINGS** FRIDAY, MARCH 20 SHABBAT SERVICE

Women's Dessert Seder Tuesday, March 24

#### **NEXT MONTH**

MEN'S CLUB MOVIE NIGHT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

WALK AWAY THE MATZO SATURDAY, APRIL 4

MATCH GAME SATURDAY, APRIL 11

ADULT EDUCATION
SUNDAY, APRIL 19 & 26



#### From the Rabbi's Desk

Lately, I've been thinking about the concept of "Bal Tashchit" "Do Not Destroy." We celebrated Tu Bishvat with the Religious school, and talked about what it means to care for the earth and the environment. The Confirmation class saw the movie "Chasing Ice," and we discussed climate change and what we can do about it. Surprisingly, none of our confirmands, who all currently sophomores in high school, have been learning anything about climate change in their school curriculum. Yet, bodies leading scientific including NASA and NOAA have revealed the average global temperature for 2014 was the warmest on record. No longer is question of "Is it happening?" Rather, it is a question of "What should we do?"

As we close out the Jewish year (yes, Adar is the last month in the Jewish calendar), spring will be upon us and we will be preparing for Passover. It is our celebration of freedom, yet it took many years of wandering in the desert to break free from the

chains of slavery. We now have choices to make. We are free beings, but freedom comes with challenges and responsibility.

experienced miracles during the Exodus from Egypt – great plagues, the parting of the Sea of Reeds. Because we may no longer experience great miracles such as these in our lives, it is up to us to take action and to fix our broken world. We can no longer sit idly by and do nothing. There are many resources available to point us in the right direction. COEJL, The Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life outlines a Jewish response to climate change and has many suggestions and ideas about what vou do. can Go http://www.coejl.org/resources/ jewish-community-priorities-forclimate-and-energy-policy-2008/ for more information. Interfaith and Light, http://www.interfaithpowerandl <u>ight.org/</u>, is another source.

A lot is going on in March! I hope we will all thaw out a little and I will see many of you at our Purim Service and Shpiel on March 4, at Shabbat Across America on March 13, at our musical Shabbat Service with the band, Nefashot, on March 20, and at our Sisterhood Women's Seder on March 24.

Shalom U'vracha Rabbi Ballan

#### Worship Schedule

Wednesday, March 4 Purim Service 5:30 pm

Friday, March 6 Tot Shabbat 6:00 pm Shabbat Service 8:00 pm

Candle Lighting: Barbara Gandelman &

Adele Robbins

Kiddush: Al Robbins

Host: Al Robbins in honor of

Barbara Gandelman's & Adele Robbins' birthday & the 70th wedding anniversary of Al & Adele Robbins

Saturday, March 7 Torah Portion Ki Tissa

Shabbat Morning Service &

Torah Study 10:00 am

Friday, March 13 Shabbat Family Service

Shabbat Across America 7:30 pm

Candle Lighting: Fay Schildkraut Kiddush: Harvey Schildkraut Hosts: Temple in honor of

Shabbat Across America

**Torah Portion** Saturday, March 14

Vayakhel/Pekudei/Parah

Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am

Friday, March 20 **Shabbat Evening Service** 

Nefashot Accompanies Cantor Barr

8:00 pm

Jr. Congregation 7:30 pm

Candle Lighting: Lori Lustig Kiddush: Eric Lustig

Hosts: Sisterhood

**Torah Portion** Saturday, March 21

Vayikra/HaHodesh

Shabbat Morning Service &

Torah Study 10:00 am

**Shabbat Evening Service** Friday, March 27

8:00 pm

Candle Lighting: Karri & Leora Kaufman

Kiddush: Joel Kaufman

Host: Karri & Joel Kaufman in honor of their daughter

Leora becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, March 28 **Torah Portion** Tzav/HaGadol

Shabbat Morning Service &

Bat Mitzvah of Leora Kaufman 10:00 am

No Torah Study



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**Bill Fuentes** Virginia Weastler Rita Bellock Ruth and Arno Heller

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#### REFLECT **LEARN CHANGE GROW**

Sunday morning, April 19th at 9:30 am, Paul Rabinowitz will speak on "The Jews of South Africa."



On Friday night, **March 13, 2015**, hundreds of synagogues across the continent will take part in an historic national Jewish event to celebrate that which unites all Jews—**Shabbat!** Everyone is invited...singles, couples, families, all ages. Let's celebrate together!

Join us for Shabbat Dinner at 6:00 pm. You have a choice of the traditional kosher meal at \$25 per adult, \$8 per child over 5 years old **OR** bring a dish for the potluck to serve 8. Shabbat Family Services begin at 7:30 pm, followed by a gala Oneg.

There is limited dinner seating so please reserve early!

Yes! We'd love to join in the celebration! Tear off this form and send it to: Temple Beth Sholom, 171-39 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY 11358, attn: Fay Schildkraut, SAA Chair. <a href="mailto:fayschild@gmail.com">fayschild@gmail.com</a> or (917-509-1664) Name
Phone/email
Number of people in our party
We are enclosing a check of \$25 pp/ \$8 per child for the traditional Shabbat dinner
OR
For pot luck we will bring Salad Main DishBeverages Side DishWine

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#### February Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, February 23, 2015 (postponed from 2/9/15). The new Board of Trustees was welcomed. The Board passed the January Financial Report as presented by Treasurer Mike Temares. The current number of Member Units is 136. Eric Bass as a new Temple member was approved by the Board. All Arms and Committees reported on recent and upcoming events. A small sub-committee was formed to review the Temple Bylaws in order to make recommendations to the Board in order to update some antiquated language.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Tishcoff Recording Secretary

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Join the Queens Community
At the
Interfaith Seder
St. Robert Bellarmine
Roman Catholic Church
56-15 213 Street
Flushing, N.Y.
Tuesday, March 10,
6:45 pm

Reservations are <u>necessary.</u>
Please call Rabbi Ballan at 718-463-4727 or email her at rabbi@templebethsholom.org

Temple Beth Sholom presents a very special Erev Shabbat Service featuring the music of:

## Nefashot

Once again, *Nefashot*, a contemporary music group that plays a variety of musical styles from upbeat to folk/rock to meditative will be featured during Shabbat evening services at Temple Beth Sholom of Flushing on Friday, March 20, 2015 at 8 pm, (171-39 Northern Boulevard, Flushing, NY) and will feature electric guitars, drums, keyboard, and the blended voices of Cantor Kathy Barr, Anita Dickman, Sandy and Art Rosenfield, and Don and Judie Fast.

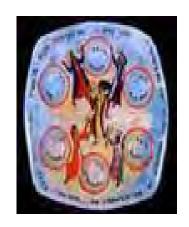
*Nefashot*, of Morris County, NJ has donated time, materials and talent to various *tzedaka* (charity) projects, notably the Shalom Ethiopia Million Quarter Project and fundraising for cancer care and research. The Million Quarter project was created in response to the needs of two Jewish Compounds in Addis Ababa and Gondar, Ethiopia where 10,000 meals are served to children each day. It costs a quarter to feed a child one meal per day. Ms. Rosenfield, a 13-year cancer survivor, has produced, along with her husband, Art, and others, a yearly concert/fundraiser called *Sing a Rainbow*.

Nefashot sincerely hopes that through music, all can look forward to a better tomorrow, and they are proud to be bringing the *nefesh*, the soul, of Jewish music to our community.

Come Join Us! Friday, March 20, 2015 at 8 pm



# Celebrate with Sisterhood at our Dessert only Women's Seder



Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Time: 7:00 PM

Bring your favorite Passover dessert And join your fellow sisters for a joyous celebration of the Passover Seder from a woman's perspective!

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TBS Sisterhood Women's Seder. - Please let Jody Harkavy (jodyanddan@aol.com,, 917-400-2003) know if you are coming, how many people in your party, and what dessert you are bringing by Friday, March 20, 2015

NAME:		
PHONE:	EMAIL	
ATTENDING	I WILL BE BRINGING:	

#### From the President

Shalom,

With this issue of the voice comes Spring. Spring! Spring! Spring! It's been some winter, one of the coldest on record. You know it's cold when 32 degrees feels like spring weather!

Thank you to Jose and Santos who braved the harsh elements this winter and kept the walk way cleared all around the building.

What a great and fun time we had at the Purim Ball. Food, drinks, costumes, and dancing-what a wonderful evening! Even the cold didn't dampen the fun! Thank you to the Membership, and Ways and Means Committees, who helped bring it all together.

The Purin Shpiel was amazing as always. It is always fun to see Temple members participating in Purim. Thank you to our theatrical Directors Cantor Barr and Rabbi Ballan and the actors participating in the Shpiel.

I would also like to thank Ann Pesch for putting together the names for the Mishloach Manot Purim bags, and those involved in making them. It truly was a group effort. People have told me how much they enjoy receiving them.

Don't forget about Shabbat Across America on March 13th. It is a wonderful event which I look forward to every year. Imagine Jews all across America getting together at the same time to celebrate that which unites all Jews- Shabbat. Space gets very limited, so please make your reservations soon if you have not done so by contacting the Temple Office or Fay Schildkraut.

Sincerely, Adam Gandelman President

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#### Some Food For Thought Written By Our Dear Member Sandie Hirsch

#### He

He can move mountains, He doesn't have to try, As He looks down from His Temple in the sky.

He is there,
He answers every call.
We just have to ask one and all.
He paints His World in a lovely hue,
Not just for me, but for you and you.
He answers the silent prayer,
Both day and night.
He tries to help us with all His might.
If we should question His doings
along our way,
He asks us all to simply pray.
So turn to Him whenever you can.
For He cares, and that is His plan.

#### We Are What We Eat

From the start,
Be good to your heart.
Cheese and eggs plus red meat,
May taste great, but aren't neat.
They are the ones cholesterol does like.
Be good to yourself, let them take a hike.
Trimming the fat does lots for the waist,
The food doesn't even lose its taste!
Salads, fish, veggies and chicken,
They taste great and keep your heart tickin',
Keep yourself wise when you food shop,
Buy the kinds that will keep you tip-top.
Exercise is also the best.
It lets our bodies pass life's test!

Does anyone else want to share? Just send or email your submission to Carole at carole@templebethsholom.org.



#### Notes From Cantor Kathy Barr

On March 20th, *Nefashot* will return. This will be a rousing service, with electric guitars, piano, drums, blended voices, and wonderful music. Last time they came, everyone said what a wonderful service it was - all the people felt uplifted and spiritual - both the congregation and those on the bima. Our children will be able to participate as well, as some of the melodies will be music they know.

March is a busy month, but what a Shalom! Purim is coming! Hamentaschen, costumes, gifts to friends, gifts to the needy, hamentaschen - oh I said that already. Did you know that the singular of hamentaschen is hamentasch? It comes from the German, either Haman's pockets or ha-mohn taschen - poppy seed pockets. We make them in a triangular shape to represent either Haman's hat or the shape of the dice that he rolled to pick the day of the Jews' destruction. What is your favorite filling? I like prune, apricot and raspberry the best, but one can fill them with anything (although spinach may not be the best choice). Either way, home-baked ones are the best!

Another thing we do on Purim, is send gifts. In the TaNaKh (the Jewish Bible), in the book of Esther, 9:21-22, we are to celebrate on the 14th and 15th of Adar and send gifts to each other and to the poor.

We get very silly. I even know a sofer (Torah scribe) who spends the entire month of Adar in a happy, drunken state. We will be celebrating Purim on the erev (evening) of Purim, Wednesday March 4th, at 5:30, followed by the pizza dinner. We will tell the story, sing silly prayers, read a little from the Megilla, and the service will be followed with a Purim spiel with a muppet/Sesame Street theme. It promises to be a very entertaining evening for everyone. And don't forget the groggers!

March 13th is Shabbat Across America. Our whole school is participating along with the Junior Choir. We will have a festive dinner first, followed by the service. It's wonderful thing to feel good and relaxed and surrounded by community at the end of the week! I hope to see you there.

Be happy, it's Adar! Cantor Barr

#### Religious School News

Although it's cold outside, Temple Beth Sholom continues to be warm and inviting!

Our Tu BiShevat Seder was a great success, from parsley planting to worms and dirt dessert! Thanks to all who pitched in to make it such a success.

Mishenichnas Adar marbim b'simcha...as we welcome the Hebrew month of Adar, our joy increases! That's especically true this year! We are collecting food and volunteers for packing up for Purim. The Jewish Start group began its Purim preparations by learning the story, singing songs, making graggers and drowning out Haman's name. We are all looking forward to our Purim Carnival, complete with baking Hamantaschen on March 1.

I can't wait to see the Purim Shpiel at services on March 4. Do you have your costume ready?

February's Junior Congregation was well attended as we enjoyed pizza before services, a service full of songs, and delicious treats and game night afterwards. Nobody wanted to leave and go out in the cold! Please join us at our next JC on March 20! We will have a short service and then join the congregation to sing along with Nefashot, a wonderful musical group including Cantor Barr.

We will not miss a beat as we rush into preparations for Passover beginning immediately after Purim. The Model Seder and Day of Learning will take place on March 29!

I am looking forward to learning, sharing, and celebrating with you!



Wednesday, March 4

Friday, March 6 Friday, March 20

Sunday, March 22 Sunday, March 29

Karen Feit, Principal

Purim Service/Shpiel

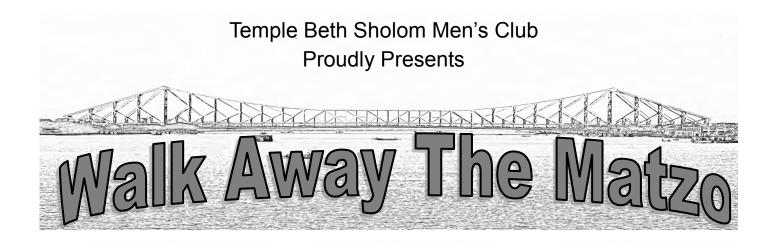
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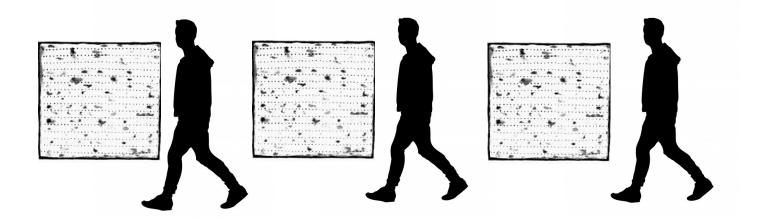
No Hebrew School Tot Shabbat 6:00 pm Junior Congregation

7:30 pm

Jewish Start 10:30 am

**Model Seder** 





Come join us and help yourself to burn off the Matzo Carbs.

When: Saturday, April 4th

**Where:** Fort Totten(Underneath the Throgs Neck Bridge)

**Time:** 10:00 AM — 11:00 AM

Both Adults and Children can participate

Please contact Mike Shapiro or Eric Bernstein if you are interested @ MensClub@TempleBethSholom.org.

Name	 	 
Child(REN)	 	 
PHONE/EMAIL		

We welcome friends and family to join us.

#### **☼** UPCOMING YAHRZEITS March 2015

March 6 (March 12)

Jack Agrest
Esther Althaus
Anna Henrietta Bernstein
Henrietta Blatner
Burton Chenkin
Ruth Chenkin
Caroline Dipkin
Harold Dornbaum
Fred Gandelman

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Harriet Kashinsky
Bennony Katz
Eric Kround
Sidney Lang
Ida Richman
Marlene Salomon
Irwin Schiffman
Joseph Shenkoff
Raymond I. Yablon

March 13 (March 13-March 19)

(March 13-March 19)
Dr. John Apogi
Leonard Byrd
Rosalind Frankl
Louis Gelb
Dorothy Gilman
Murray Jay Goldwasser
Isadore Handelman
Eugene E. Lefkowitz
George Loeb
Martha Minton

Fay Plotkin Louis Rosenberg Meyer Tennenbaum Rae Tishcoff Morris Weiss

Alexander Wolf Janet Wolf Charles Yasgur March 20 (March 20 - March 26) Milton W. Blatner Brunnhilde Costanza Sylvia Elbaum Jean Fogel Barnett Frank Selma Frankel Shloma Goldkrantz Elyssa Grabkowitz Martin Horowitz Sidney H. Koorse

Jack Kupferberg Isidore Leibowitz Abraham Levinsky James F. Mallon Fan Marks March 27 (March 27 -April 2) Dr. Donald Ash Dora Canor Frances Forman Aaron Freedman Gail Kaplan Sadye Leon Michael Leonard Anna Muraskin Charles Radwin Paula Radwin Harry Silverstein Nathan Weiner Albert Weiskopf Evelyn Zwirn

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#### Temple Beth Sholom Men's Club with the support of Sisterhood and Parent's Association **Proudly Presents**



When: Saturday, April 11th Where: Temple Beth Sholom Ballroom Time: 6:00 PM—9:00 PM

Cost: \$10 Per Person / Children Under 5 are Free \$40 maximum

(Includes food, snacks, beverages, and activities) **Both Adults and Children can participate** 

Please RSVP by Saturday, April 4th at mensclub@templebethsholom.org or contact Mike Shapiro or Eric Bernstein
Name
Child(REN)

#### From the Men's Club

Shalom. This is Mike Shapiro again, back for a 2nd installment of writing the Men's Club Article. So what's new? Well it's still cold outside. Okay I'll say it's beyond cold, it is freezing! Hopefully Spring will be here soon enough. Maybe if we keep talking about about it, it will happen.

If you are brave enough to face the cold and looking for a warm place to go that will have hot coffee and good friends why not come to the next Men's Club Meeting. There you will find a warm place with good conversation but it will only happen if you attend. As always you do not need to be a paid up member to attend these meetings, but if you haven't paid your Men's Club dues yet, it is never to late to send in your \$25. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please look in this issue of the Voice for our Men's Club flyers.

Please join us for a FREE Men's Club event on Saturday April 4th @ 10AM at Fort Totten Park as we "Walk Away the Matzo". It is a great way to burn off those extra calories after your big Pesach feast.

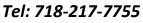
On April 11th, the Men's Club will be hosting its own version of "Match Game 5775" based on the 1970's Game Show(which is still able to be seen on the Game Show Network). Eric continues to incorporate events based on his obsession with Game Shows. Members can participate. The night will include dinner and drinks for a nominal fee and the funds go to support Men's Club. There will be a version for children as well.

As always if you haven't already done so, please join the Temple Beth Sholom of Flushing Facebook Group to keep up-to-date on current and future Temple Events. If you have any questions or concerns about Men's club, please email us at <a href="MensClub@TempleBethSholom.org">MensClub@TempleBethSholom.org</a>

Mike Shapiro & Eric Bernstein
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#### Sisterhood Corner

This will be a winter to remember! The temperature has been below zero and there does not seem to be an end in sight!! Although it's cold outside, the warmth inside Temple Beth Sholom is surely evident.

The Temple held its first annual Purim Ball. There was food, dancing and fun was had by all! Thank you especially to Fay Schildkraut and the Membership Committee and the Ways & Means Committeewho worked so hard to make this event possible!

Shabbat Across America will take place on Friday, March 13, 2015. Please let Fay Shildkraut know if you will be a part of this most enjoyable evening.

Our Women's Dessert Seder will take place on Tuesday, March 24 at 7 pm. We will be sharing our favorite Passover desserts and participating in this seder run by our own Rabbi Ballan. I hope that you can join us at this event.

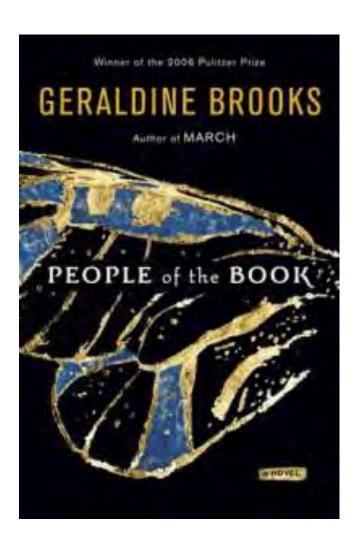
Rummage is coming!! Please donate your gently used, clean items so that we can sell them in May. We will also need volunteers for set up and for the sale itself. Please let Joy Bobrow or myself know if we can count on you for this fundraiser for Temple.

Our May Book Club will be held on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. We will be reading the book called <u>The People of the Book</u>. We will also be voting on our new Sisterhood slate for the 2015-2017 term. Please join us as we discuss this book.

Please read the Voice and check your emails for all details.

Barbara Gandelman Sisterhood President

## TBS Sisterhood presents: General Meeting and Book Club - May 2015 "People of the Book" By Geraldine Brooks



Date: Sunday, May 17, 2015

General Meeting begins at
10:30 am

Book Club begins at
11:00 am

Inspired by the true story of a mysterious codex known as the Sarajevo Haggadah, *People of the Book* is a sweeping adventure through five centuries of history. From its creation in Muslim-ruled, medieval Spain, the illuminated manuscript makes a series of perilous journeys: through Inquisition-era Venice, fin-de-siecle Vienna, and the Nazi sacking of Sarajevo. — Geraldine Brooks

By <u>SatisfiedVirginian "Joran"</u> on December 10, 2014:

This book moved me, not only with its emotional and sometimes tragic characters, but with the illumination of history, class, religion and faith as seen through this amazing book! This is a book I read slowly on purpose, drawing out the beauty and immersive windows into the past each historical chapter presented. I wish it had been longer honestly, but that's just indicative of how engrossing the story was and how involved in it I became. I will highly recommend this book.

Please come to our meeting to vote on the Sisterhood 2015-2017 Slate of Officers!

Stay for our book club meeting so we can hear your opinions and comments.

Breakfast will be served.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1:00 am-12:00pm Religious School 0:00 am Purim Carnival	7:00 pm Adult Hebrew Class 8:00 pm Ritual Committee	7:30 pm Chai Mitzvah Class	No Hebrew School 5:30 pm Purim Service & Shpiel & Light Supper	5	6 6:00 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service	7 10:00 am Shabbat Service Torah Study
8:00 am -12:00 pm Religious School :30 am Men's Club	7:00 pm Adult Hebrew Class 7:00 pm Membership 8:00 pm Board Meeting	6:45 pm Interfaith Seder –St Robert Bellarmine Roman Catholic Church	4:30 pm Hebrew School 6:15 pm Confirmation Class	12	13 6:00 pm Shabbat Across America 7:30 pm Shabbat Family Service	14 10:00 am Shabbat Service Torah Study
15 :00 am -12:00 pm Religious School :00 am PA Meeting	7:00 pm Adult Hebrew Class 8:00 pm Ritual Committee	17	18 4:30 pm Hebrew School 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 8:00 pm Religious School Board	19	8:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service Nefashot sings	10:00 am Shabbat Service Torah Study
22 :00 am -12:00 pm Religious School :30 am Jewish Start	7:00 pm Adult Hebrew Class	7:00 pm Women's Seder	25 4:30 pm Hebrew School 6:15 pm Confirmation Class	26	8:00 pm Shabbat Service	10:00 am Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Leora Kaufman No Torah Study
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### Shabbat Across America

Friday, March 13

Don't Forget...

Nefashot Will Be Joining Us For Shabbat Service Friday, March 20 At 8:00 pm